

## Alabama's Covered Bridges...A historic link to the past

By Wynell Eiland

As you let your mind drift back to a by-gone era, imagine yourself traveling by foot down a lonely stretch of dirt road. Up ahead the road begins to dip down toward the river. Looming there in the fading light is a dark, mysterious tunnel that you must travel through to reach your destination.

The sun has already set and the shadows are beginning to lengthen, especially along the river bank and on the sides of the old wooden structure.

Your pace begins to quicken and your heart beats faster as you try not to think of all the stories you've heard about this old covered bridge... stories about strange sounds, ghostly images, and horses not wanting to enter the dark interior.

You especially remember the rumor of a murder that supposedly took place here one cold December night. Now as you approach the entrance you are filled with uncertainty as all those stories flash before your memory.

The light at the far end seems so far away as you pause for a moment then plunge into the growing darkness at a much more rapid pace. A stirring breeze caresses a cold chill to engulf you. The timbers creak with a sound that all be heard above your quickened footsteps and the splashing of the river down below.

After what seems like an eternity, you emerge into the remaining light at the far end and the road begins to climb away from the river. Suddenly you hear a wailing cry that is so bone-chilling it stops you in your tracks.

As you glance back toward the now dark scene, you catch a brief glimpse of a strange light hovering inside the bridge. Quickly you head on toward your destination. Later when you recount this story, you will be left to ponder: did I really see and hear that, or was it just my imagination?

This scene and similar ones were probably repeated many times in the distant past when covered bridges were common. Likewise these bridges hold many fond memories.

There were times of sunny days and picnics when the children played in and around them or swam in the streams below. And of course many lives were stolen by sweethearts beneath the old weathered beams.

More than 15,000 of these marvelous old timbered tunnels dotted the landscape one time. Fewer than 900 remain today, mostly in states such as Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Oregon.

Parke County, Indiana, with an unbelievable 32, is the undisputed Covered Bridge Capital of the World. Only about 100 are still standing in the south, including 12 in Alabama. In early America, the only means of transportation was by foot or horseback. The bridges were therefore a vital link because they gave people a safe way to cross streams and rivers.

The Golden Age of covered bridges lasted from around 1830 to about 1940. With abundant labor and vast stands of virgin forests available, the bridges could be built quickly and cheaply. Heartpine lumber provided strong, decay-proof support timbers.

The fact that these bridges were covered is what sets them apart from other type bridges. The traditional reason given for the coverings was to prevent horses from being spooked by the moving water below.

Actually, the coverings provided more practical reasons: they gave shelter for people who traveled by foot or horseback. But mainly they protected the floors and sides of the bridges from the elements. The side framing of these bridges known as trusses is what gave them their load-bearing capability.

Among the common truss types used were Queenpost, Kingpost, Strainer, and Burr Arch. The most popular truss type in the south was the Town or Lattice Truss. Invented in 1830, it would support greater weights and allow for longer spans. Most of the Alabama bridges used this truss type. Of the more than 200 covered bridges built in our state, only 12 of the original ones remain.

When the modern bridge era began, wood was abandoned in favor of concrete and steel. The need for two-lane roads and greater weight-bearing capability caused the wooden bridge to fall out of favor. Many were by-passed and torn down or they simply collapsed due to neglect. Floods took their toll.

Arson fires, especially in recent years, have added to the destruction. One such recent loss was Nectar Bridge located in Blount County. This irreplaceable state treasure was 385 feet long, making it the fourth longest covered bridge in the U.S. The 1932 landmark was still in use for vehicle traffic when it was totally destroyed by a fire in June, 1993.

On a personal note, I was lucky enough to see and drive through Nectar in April, just two months before the fire. The photos I took that sunny day are probably among the last taken of this grand old structure.

In recent years public awareness of covered bridges has increased dramatically. Much work has been and is being done to save them. Many individuals and groups have worked tirelessly on their behalf.

One such group is the National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges. This dedicated group of people is in the forefront of bridge preservation. Most of the remaining covered bridges have had at least some repair work done to them; many have had extensive restoration work done.

A number have been moved to places such as city parks in order to better preserve them. A good example of extensive restoration is Cornish-Windsor bridge spanning the Connecticut River on the Vermont-New Hampshire border. This is the longest covered bridge in the U.S. Over 4 million dollars was spent on this 1866 landmark to preserve and re-open it to vehicle traffic.

The battle to save these old bridges is an ongoing process. Public awareness of their beauty, historic significance, and economic value is perhaps the key to saving them.

In the last several years a number of new covered bridges have been built. Most, however, don't have load-bearing trusses, so bridge purists don't consider them authentic and call them "romantic shelters."

Alabama has several of these "new" covered bridges; hopefully even more will be built in coming years.

Of special interest to bridge fans is that at least one New England company is still building covered bridges using original methods and building components.

If you would like to visit some of Alabama's bridges, you might want to start with the three in Blount County. They are all located within 10 miles of the city of Oneonta.

These bridges were built in the 1830's and are still open to vehicle traffic.

Easley is 96 feet long and spans a tiny stream called Dub Branch.

Horton Mill is 220 feet long and at 70 feet above the river bed, is said to be the highest covered bridge above water in the U.S. There is a trail down to the river where you can get great photo shots of the bridge high overhead.

Swann-Joy crossing the Black Warrior River is something special. It's a classic example of a stunning old bridge in a scenic location. At 336 feet, it's the longest in the South.

Swann-Joy was built by two: Clark-son, built in 1904, and Lidy Walker, built in 1926.

Clarkson is 270 feet long and is a favorite with bridge buffs. It is high over Crooked Creek just west of Cullman.

Lidy Walker at 50 feet is Alabama's shortest. It spans the outlet to a lake on private property just east of Cullman.

Talladega County also has two: Waldo, just south of Talladega and Kymulga near Childersburg. They are among the state's oldest, dating to around 1860. There is a restaurant and a historic grist mill beside Kymulga, which is 105 feet long.

Both bridges cross Talladega Creek in their original locations.

Gilliland Bridge is 90 feet long and is located at Noccalula Falls Park in Gadsden. It dates back to 1834 and was moved to the park in 1967.

Alamuchee is located on the campus of the University of West Alabama in Livingston. This 88-foot Civil War era bridge was moved to the campus where it spans a quiet lake.

Coldwater is located at Oxford Lake Park just south of Anniston. The 60-foot bridge was moved here in 1990. It's the state's oldest, dating to 1850 and possibly as early as 1834. This would make it one of the oldest in the nation.

In Coosa County Oakachoy Bridge, built in 1915, is located just north of Equality. A small park is planned for the area around this 56-foot bridge spanning rocky Oakachoy Creek.

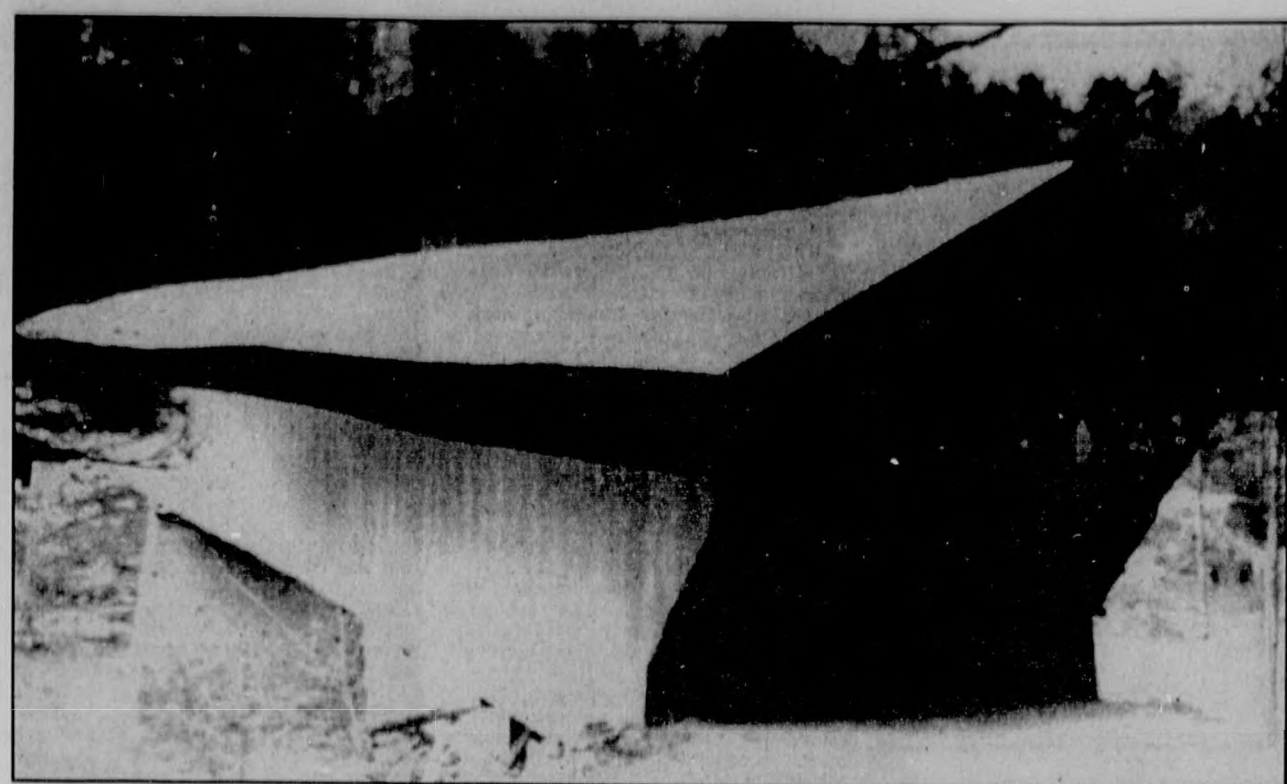
Finally, Alabama's southernmost authentic covered bridge is Salem Shotwell located in the Salem Community just south of Opelika. It's considered one of the nation's best examples of Town Truss construction.

White Oak pines called tunnels were used to hold the lattice framing in place on this 76-foot bridge built in 1900. There is current talk of moving this bridge away from its location on Wachoochee Creek to a more public location to better protect it from vandalism.

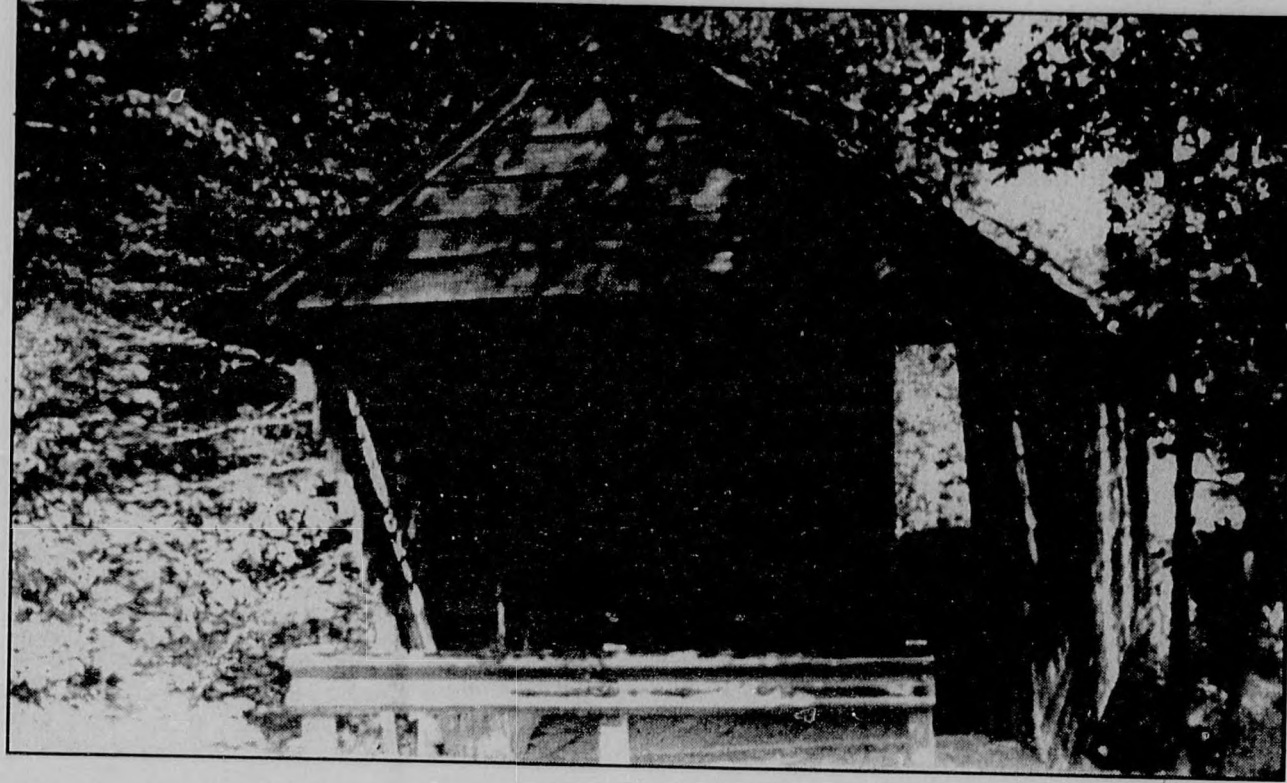
We can no longer visit such notable Alabama bridges as Nectar, Horseshoe Bend, Duck Springs, Hayden, Buzzard's Roost, and Pintalala Creek, but we can make every effort to preserve and protect the few we have left. They are such an integral part of Alabama history and a vital link to our past.

Why not plan to visit one or more of these "wooden wonders" in your travels this year. When you do, please remember three things: (1) Make pictures; (2) Drive through the bridge if it's still open to vehicle traffic; and (3) If you are with your sweetheart, don't forget to steal a kiss.

Happy Bridging.



**SWANN BRIDGE**... Swann Covered Bridge is located in Blount County west of Oneonta. At 336 feet, it's the longest covered bridge in the south. It was built in 1933 and is still in use for vehicle traffic. Swann Bridge crosses the Black Warrior River and is a classic example of a stunning old bridge in a scenic location.



**OAKACHOY BRIDGE**... Oakachoy Covered Bridge is located in Coosa County at the dead end of a dirt road north of Equality. It was built in 1916 at a cost of \$400. The scenic little backwoods bridge is 56 feet long and spans rocky Oakachoy Creek. There are plans for a park to be developed in the area of the bridge.

## Extension Service News With Richard Petcher

Richard Petcher-County Agent



Gary Lees from Australia

Gary Lees is with us from Australia. He is 25 years old and works with Seed and Grain lama in Australia. The main crops he works with there are cotton and wheat. He is on a three-month business exchange program and is here in Coffee County working and being hosted by Dixie Ag in Kinston.

Australia is a place most of us would like to go. And in the world of agriculture and cotton talk the name of Australia comes up often. Besides raising crocodiles and kangaroos they raise a whole lot of cotton. They are the world's 5th largest cotton producer to be exact.

The other crops that Lees works with are soybeans, sorghum, sunflower, mung beans, fava beans, wheat, barley, oats, chick peas, and canola. It is too hot and dry for corn there.

Australia grows 750,000 acres of cotton which is predominantly irrigated. The average yield is 3.2 bales per acre. Four-bale yield is common and occasionally 5 bales because of the irrigation.

The farming is very capital intensive. Production costs on cotton are typically \$1000 per acre, so yields have to be high to cover expenses. A small portion of the drop is dry land.

Annual rainfall is 24 inches per year, only 8 inches during the growing season. Temperatures go up to 115 degrees F. The soil type is high

clay enabling them to store a lot of subsoil water. Dry land costs \$2-300 per acre, so if yields go one bale it has been a very good season.

The major cotton pests are the bollworms, which are similar to tobacco bud worm and boll worms here. They normally spray 10 to 12 times.

Minor pests are thrips, aphids, plant bugs and mites. The majority of the spraying is done at night because of the heat.

Australia has had cotton for only 30 years now, so it is a relatively new crop to them. However, they are on the razor edge of technology, and are learning a great deal from other countries in the cotton industry.

Lees is here to learn different farming systems and to see how other agricultural companies operate. He took advantage of the opportunity to broaden his horizons and to see more of the world. Working with Dixie Ag this summer with the sales representatives he will also be scouting cotton for insects, bugs and other things of interest.

Lees is amazed at several things here. For example the size of the paddocks. The average field here is often 5 to 25 acres, while in Australia it is 4-500 acres. Of course in Australia the people drive on the left side of the road.

In Kinston and in the south, Lees is enjoying the friendliness of the people, the multitude of fast food restaurants; and there are 62 channels on TV here versus 4 channels in Australia.

It is always a blessing to have someone with us from another part of the world.

If you hear someone with a different brogue or see someone driving on the wrong side of the road - it might be Gary Lees.

They raise the wire 8 inches off the ground so they could fertilize and weed and work the soil. They keep the soil pretty loose so the bean roots can run out.

They use chicken litter as well as soil test and add whatever the soil test requires - it is usually 15-0-15 fertilizer.

They plant somewhere around Good Friday, and plant stringless blue lake pole beans, because you don't have to string them. They also plant cucumbers, sunflowers and eggplant along the arbor.

When it is dry they water the beans about every 4 days soaking the ground well. They also spray them with a mixture of Malathion

and Daconil, using 1 tablespoon of Malathion and 1 tablespoon of Daconil in one gallon of water. This controls the insects and diseases.

They spray about every 10 to 12 days when it is dry and more often when it is rainy.

Keeping your beans picked and then side-dressing them about every three weeks will encourage them to keep on bearing. Some beans have been known to bear a summer, through fall until frost.

The beans will generally climb the wire with no help, but the cucumbers need encouraging to get started, then they do fine.

Green beans do well in the sun or shade, but when the vines cover the arbor it makes a perfect picture. They also make good shade for you when you are picking. The beans save your back; the beans are ready to be picked. Another plus is the vegetables are big at first and during the growing you hardly have to wash them.

When you look up and see all of those beans and cucumbers just hanging there it makes gardening a pleasure.

## FREEZING & CANNING TIPS

Sandra Coffey  
County Agent Coordinator

The following are some freezing and canning tips for fresh vegetables:

**Canning Tomatoes:**  
Hot Pack Method - Use firm, red, ripe tomatoes. Wash, peel, core, and cut them into quarters. Heat to boiling and pack hot. Add 1 teaspoon salt per quart. You can add 1/4 teaspoon citric acid USP grade to each pint (1/2 teaspoon per quart) to lower the pH level. Add it after filling each jar about half full. Adjust jar lids and bands. Process in a boiling waterbath canner (212°F) - pint jars, 35 minutes; quart jars, 45 minutes.

If you have been processing your tomatoes in the pressure canner, you are killing all of your Vitamin C. This is why we recommend the waterbath method.

**Raw packing is no longer recommended.** It has been found that a highly heat resistant mold is able to survive during the processing of raw-packed tomatoes. When this mold grows, it changes the pH of the tomatoes from a high acid to a low acid product. The canned tomatoes then become susceptible to the growth of *Clostridium botulinum*. This microorganism produces a toxin that can cause death.

**Canning Corn**  
Cream Style, Hot Pack - Husk corn, remove silks, and wash. Cut corn from cob at about center of kernel and then scrape cob.

To each quart can add one pint boiling water. Heat to boiling. Use pint containers only. Pack hot to within 1 inch of top. Add 1/2 teaspoon salt to each pint jar. Adjust jar lids and bands. Process in pressure canner at 10 pounds pressure (240°F) - pint jars, 85 minutes.

**Whole Kernel, Hot Pack** - Only freshly gathered, young, tender corn should be canned. Cut corn from the cob deeply enough to remove most of each kernel.

To each quart can add one pint boiling water. Heat to boiling. Pack corn to within one inch of top. Cover with hot cooking liquid, leaving one-inch headspace. Add 1/2 teaspoon salt to each pint; one teaspoon to each quart. Adjust jar lids and bands. Process in pressure canner at 10 pounds pressure (240°F) - pint jars, 55 minutes; quart jars, 85 minutes.

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## New Brockton council meeting smooth

by Marvin MolLwin - Editor

Monday night's meeting of the New Brockton Town Council was brief and to the point. It took council members less than thirty minutes to conduct the town's business.

After noting that all council members were present, Mayor Britt Lee led the council through the business session.

Following a brief discussion concerning garbage/trash fees, Mayor Lee recommended that the fee be set at \$50 per load. This charge will only apply to individuals who own property in New Brockton but are not paying monthly garbage/trash collection fees.

The city clerk introduced, for the record, an ordinance, No. 97-002, dealing with the disposition of wrecked, dismantled and non-operating vehicles within the city limits of New Brockton.

Council members will review the ordinance and it will be voted on at the next meeting.

Councilman Rodger Harrison asked if this was not already an ordinance. Mayor Lee commented that for some reason only a part of an ordinance dealing with this problem was recorded in the present book of ordinances; therefore, a new ordinance will have to be enacted.

Under the heading of unfinished business, the council passed the ordinance, No. 97-001, instituting a personnel management system for the Town of New Brockton.

Also, two resolutions were passed in conjunction with the passage of the above mentioned ordinance.

The first one dealt with the adoption of the rules and regulations set forth in the ordinance. The second

## ROUTE IS NORTH OF DOWNTOWN Highway 84 four-laning proposed route presented Tuesday

The Alabama Highway Department held a public meeting in Elba Tuesday evening to present their proposed route for the long discussed four-laning of U. S. 84 from Enterprise to Andalusia. Highway Department officials were also inviting opinions and input from interested citizens.

Over 200 interested citizens attended the informal meeting, which was held at Elba Elementary School. Of interest to Elba residents is the plan to route the 4 lane North of the downtown area. It will leave the existing highway, East of town at the old Matthews (or Twin Oaks) Store.

The route will cross Brunson Farm, behind the existing home of Mr. Brunson. It will cross Pea River and join the existing bypass eliminating the home or Police Chief R. V. Whitworth.

The route will follow the bypass around town and rejoin the existing Highway 84. The plan appears to cut through the Dixie Ford building and the Big Little Convenience Store building.

The widening will eliminate the RanchHouse Restaurant, the stockyards and Blackmon Seed and Feed building as it knifes toward Opp.

At Opp the route will join the to be constructed 321 bypass and go South of town, rejoining the existing 84 West of Hom Hill Road, enroute to Andalusia.

Driving East to New Brockton, the four-lane will eliminate the railroad bed behind the home of Mildred DeVaughan. It will go between the homes of L. A. Boyd and his son Lee Boyd.

The road will rejoin the existing Highway 84 just west of New Brockton. The route will be a four-lane road.

On display for public review were Air Quality Assessments, Environmental Assessments, Endangered Species Assessments, Noise Analysis, Wetland Analyses, Hazardous Waste Analysis and Cultural Resource Reconnaissance.

The actual work is years away, as no funds are allocated for this work.

**DRIGGERS RETIRES FROM GTE**...Recently, William Lloyd Driggers retired from GTE (April 30, 1997) after more than 37 years of service. Driggers went to work with United Telephone & Telegraph Company on October 19, 1959. In 1960, United sold out to GTE. Lloyd credited his brother, the late Herman Driggers, with assisting him in getting the job with the telephone company. Herman was killed in the line of duty while serving as assistant chief of police for the city of Elba. Lloyd's main duty station was working with GTE as Coffee County's highway inspector for many years of service, he worked in several South Alabama counties. He estimates that during his time with GTE, he drove between 10 to 20 different vehicles traveling close to 1,000,000 miles. "During the 38 years, I never had a vehicle accident or a personal injury on the job," said Driggers. "I give the good Lord credit for those two miracles." Lloyd's most memorable experience with the telephone company was the Flood of 1990, but he's quick to add, there were also many, many others he can easily recall.

**DISASTER VOLUNTEERS MEETING**. The American Red cross will hold a meeting of all Elba Area Disaster volunteers on Friday, July 11, 1997, at 9:00 a.m. at the Elba Elementary school. The meeting is to establish and organize an emergency shelter and local assessment. All disaster volunteers are encouraged to attend. Individuals interested in helping during a local disaster should also come. For additional information call the Red Cross office at 347-2461.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETS**. The Coffee County Board of Education will hold its monthly meeting Thursday (TODAY), July 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the board room in the Central Office located in Elba. There will be a work session (open to the public) beginning at 6:00 p.m.

**COMMISSION MEETING**. The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, July 14, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.

**SEED SPLITTING CONTEST**...A watermelon seed spitting contest was held as one of the many events at Coffee County's Farmers Market in New Brockton last week. Pictured above is Little Miss New Brockton Bethany Milligan as she tries her hand at the spitin' seed.

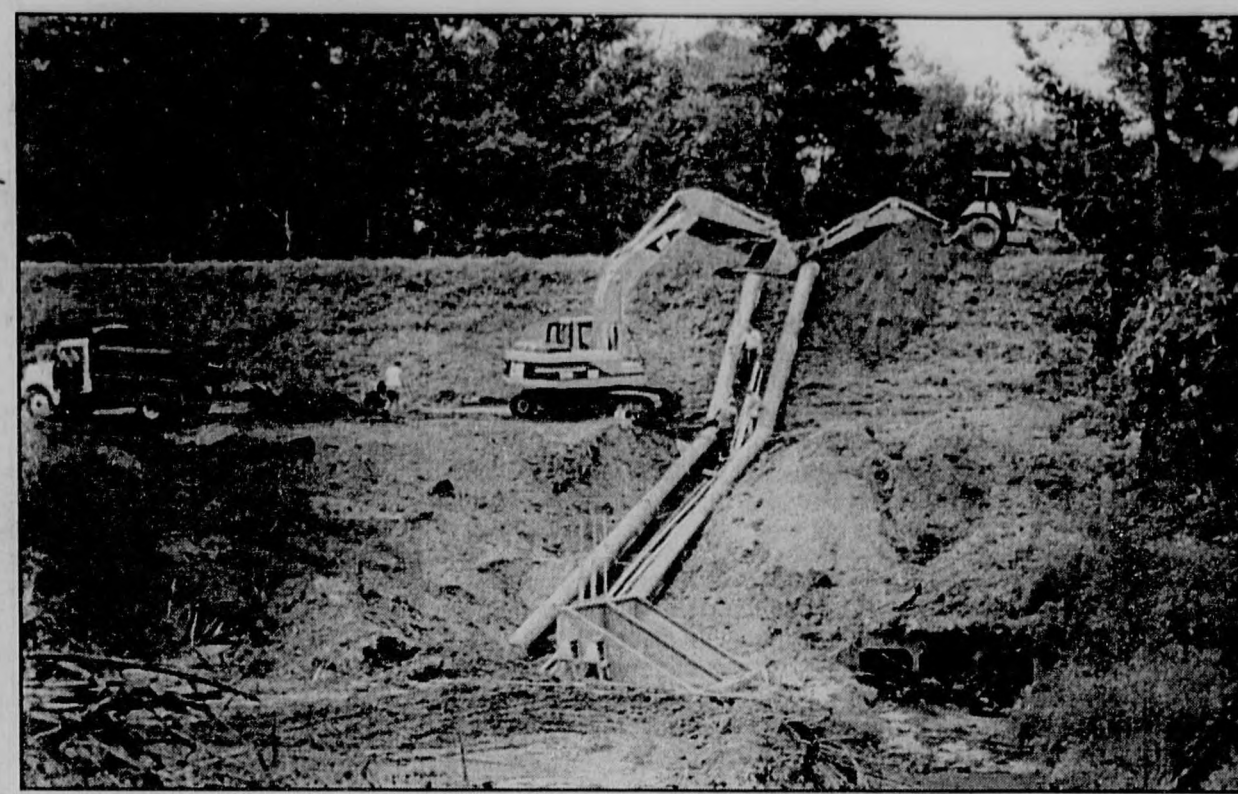
**ATTENTION FARMERS**  
There will be a Farmers Market every Saturday during the growing season. Farmers are invited to bring their excess produce to the square in downtown Elba. Parking will be made available inside the courthouse square.

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# The Elba Clipper



**UP, UP AND OVER THE LEVEE**...The project implementing flood mitigating measures has begun in the Putnam Street area of Elba. Installation of a twin pumping station which will lift rainwater trapped inside the levee up and over the levee into the Pea River is well underway. Work on the project began on June 23. The contractor, George Hammer Construction of Samson, AL, has 120 calendar days (October 20, 1997) in which to complete the job. The mounting base upon which the two 17,500 gallons per minute electric pumps will be mounted is already completed and the twin pipes are in the process of being installed. The pumps are designed to operate even when submerged under water. Also, there will be the capability of supplying electrical power to the pumps via of a gas-line powered generator should electrical power be lost. Work on this project began shortly after the flooding problems arose in this area during Tropical Storm Alberto's visit in July of 1994.

## Coffee County has one courthouse

by Marvin MolLwin - Editor

After many, many years, Coffee County now has one courthouse - and several annexes.

On Monday, demolition crews began tearing down the Enterprise Courthouse Annex to make room for the new \$4.5 million facility.

A small delay was experienced early in the process when a permit to dump the refuse in a private landfill had to be obtained. At present time, county officials were working on getting this problem solved.

Also being torn down is an old house used by the Department of Youth Services.

The demolition process is expected to take 10 days.

Last week, individuals who were interested in acquiring items from the old structure were allowed to bid on them. Several did. It is not known at this time how much money was realized from the sale.

The present building was constructed in 1925 after two previous structures burned. The courthouse annex was established in Enterprise in 1907 by an act of the Alabama Legislature.

Elba remains the county seat of Coffee County.

In 1984, a lawsuit was filed in federal court claiming that the old building failed to meet the requirements set forth in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

As a settlement in that suit, the county had the option of either correcting the deficiencies in the present structure or tearing it down and building a new facility. The

county commission chose the latter.

In 1996, a Public Authority was established to oversee the funding and construction of a new Enterprise Courthouse.

During the last week of June, offices in the old structure were moved into the old Enterprise Post Office. Court will be held in Enterprise City Hall and Civic Center. All three of these facilities have been designated courthouse annexes by the county commission.

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## NEWS BRIEF

Two area men died in separate car crashes last week. Archie D. Fuller, 54, of Rural Route 2, Brundidge died Wednesday morning in a one-car crash on AL Hwy. 51 in North Coffee County. He was pronounced dead at the scene by Coffee County Coroner Tim Whitehead. On Friday, July 4, at approximately 8:30 p.m., a car driven by John Frazier Coleman, 63, of Rural Route 2, Elba, left the roadway and struck a tree on U. S. Hwy. 84 just east of Elba in the Shiloh Community. Coleman was taken to Elba General Hospital by a unit of the New Brockton Rescue Squad where he was pronounced dead. An autopsy was ordered in both of the above fatalities to determine the cause of death.

cur naturally in the soil, there is no cause for upsetting the balance of nature.

ANTIDOTE nematodes come in a dosage that must be refrigerated. Appearances may be deceiving. The dosage is added to three gallons of water which is poured into the fire ant mound. The other half is applied five to seven days later.

Gulf Coast Biological Controls also markets another strain of parasitic nematode that kills termites, one of the most destructive soil-borne insects in Texas.

Both products are available at retail outlets and from Gulf Coast Biological Controls. For more information call 1-800-524-1958.

Because the microscopic worms occur

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## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

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The old Enterprise courthouse is probably completely on the ground by the time our readers are reading this week's Elba Clipper. We drove by Tuesday and the wrecking crew was hard at it. There was a line of 18 wheelers lined up awaiting debris from the building.

The U.S. has landed a space ship and probe on Mars. With all the drama of a Hollywood production, it landed, as planned, on July 4th. As the nation's, and the world's, experts get better and better at such complicated actions, we become more unconcerned. Of course if one goes wrong and an American gets killed... suddenly our interest is at the panic level. Anyway, this latest probe could solve the mystery of life on Mars... or maybe it will only increase the interest with so many unanswered questions. Personally, we plan to be at work tomorrow at the same time we were last week and the week before.

Right now it all behind the scenes, but folks are jockeying for position in the upcoming special session of the Alabama Legislature. If you have any idea or position you want heard during that session, it may already be too late. The lobbyist and others well versed in swaying votes have been working since the governor vetoed the budgets and you can expect some bright and self-serving new ideas to be announced from the floor of the House and the Senate.

A recent Associated Press story talked about the dangers of some unusual body piercing practices. They reported on people who punch holes in the cheeks, tongues, lips, in addition to the traditional ear holes, and the problems this creates. We have heard stories of some other body parts being punched also... we will take anyone's word on that and will not even spell them out for our readers. We regret these folks are so starved for love, etc. that they will go to such extremes to attract some sort of attention.

The U.S. Postal Service is proposing an increase in the price of first class stamps. The additional 1¢ will not cost any one person much, but will rake in millions. Part of that plan is an actual drop of 1¢ in some certain things like large mailings of monthly bills, etc. Actually, we would like to hear a promise of better, faster delivery of this newspaper to out-of-town subscribers. Some are happy if the paper is ONLY a week getting to them! When you read reports of how satisfied the public is with the postal service, be assured that is not those people who get a newspaper from another state!

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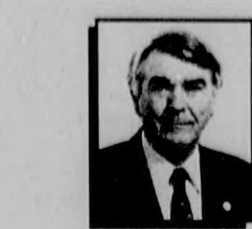
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**FROM THE HOUSE**  
**Congressman**  
**Terry Everett**

### Relief for Every Taxpayer at Every Stage of Life

Congress, which hasn't cut your taxes in 16 years, just did the right thing. We passed real tax relief that enables you to keep more of the money you make. The recently House-passed Taxpayer Relief Act gives you more freedom to prosper, create jobs, and more easily fulfill your personal and family responsibilities. You will benefit from the Taxpayer Relief Act. It is targeted to middle-class taxpayers at every stage of their life—it's for kids, it's for the parents of those kids, it's for the grandparents who are retired, and it's for the next generation. Three quarters of the tax relief goes to those earning less than \$75,000 a year. The Taxpayer Relief Act benefits kids. The \$500 per-child tax credit will help parents more easily meet the needs of children and teenagers, because parents can decide their children's needs better than Washington. And, since the plan we just passed applies to those youngsters under the age of 17, it covers 11 million more children than President Clinton's proposal. And, it's for the next generation. Three quarters of the tax relief goes to those earning less than \$75,000 a year. The Taxpayer Relief Act benefits kids. The \$500 per-child tax credit will help parents more easily meet the needs of children and teenagers, because parents can decide their children's needs better than Washington. And, since the plan we just passed applies to those youngsters under the age of 17, it covers 11 million more children than President Clinton's proposal. And, it's for the next generation. Three quarters of the tax relief goes to those earning less than \$75,000 a year.

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The Taxpayer Relief Act benefits grandparents in their retirement years, because we believe that those who have worked hard, played by the rules and saved for retirement should be rewarded, not penalized. Oppo-

### MAKING OURSELVES CLEARER

The Elba Clipper wants to correct errors that appear in this newspaper. Any reader wishing to point out our errors, whether ours or those of our sources, should contact the editor at 897-2823. Clarifications will appear promptly in this space.

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 • Wednesday - library open from 9 a.m. until noon

## ELBA POLICE REPORT

JUNE 30 Thru JULY 6, 1997

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, June 30, 1997, investigated the following incidents: one property damage, five harassment, one loud noise ordinance violation, one illegal discharging of a firearm, one harassing communication, one property damage by a vehicle, one theft of property, and two DUIs.

Arrests were as follows: one for violation of the loud noise ordinance and one for illegally discharging a firearm in the city limits.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: twenty-one for speeding, one for reckless driving, one driving while driver's license is revoked, two for DUI, and one for driving while driver's license is suspended.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:  
**MONDAY, JUNE 30** - River stage - 5.67 (6:30 a.m.); Disturbance reported on N. Claxton Ave. (1:14 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Yelverton St. (11:43 p.m.).  
**TUESDAY, JULY 1** - River stage - 7.17 feet (6:13 a.m.); Wreck reported at the intersection of AL Hwy. 203 and U.S. Hwy. 84W (2:55 p.m.); Routine activity.  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 2** - River stage - 7.38 (6:20 a.m.); Routine activity.

**THURSDAY, JULY 3** - River stage - 5.63 feet (6:10 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Smith Ave. (2:32 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Al Hwy. 134 (4:45 p.m.); Minor wreck in the Big Bear parking lot (6:11 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, JULY 4** - River stage - 5.75 feet (6:20 a.m.); Alarm at Weeks Tire Co. (11:35 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Smith Ave. (12:31 p.m.); Disturbance (fireworks) at Kendrick Apts. (7:55 p.m.); Disturbance (fireworks) on Caroline St. (9:28 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) at Burch's Trailer Court on Martin Luther King Dr. (10:38 p.m.); Disturbance (fireworks) at Morrow Village (11:34 p.m.); Rescue run to work at Brunson's Trailer Court on U.S. Hwy. 84E (11:39 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, JULY 5** - Disturbance (fireworks) at Morrow Village (12:08 a.m.); Disturbance (harassment) at Powell's Trailer Court on Caroline St. (1:24 a.m.); River stage - 4.26 feet (6:17 a.m.); Rescue run to Morrow Village (2:31 p.m.); Alarm at Runt's Auto Sav (11:33 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, JULY 6** - Disturbance on Martin Luther King Dr. (3:48 a.m.); River stage - 6.43 feet (6:32 a.m.); Burglary reported at Little Beaver Trailer Court (11:56 p.m.).

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## AREA DEATHS

### JAMES ROBERT MARTIN

Mr. James Robert Martin, age 74, of Elba, died July 2, 1997, in the Elba General Hospital.

Funeral services were held Friday, July 4, 1997, at 2 p.m. at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with Dr. Robert Paul and Rev. Mark Gray officiating.

Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church of Elba in honor of Mr. Martin.

Survivors include his wife: Martha Alice Martin, Elba; three sons: Jimmy Martin, Auburn; Johnny Martin and Ken Martin, Elba; one daughter: Willard Martin, Elba; a daughter-in-law: Marie Martin, Auburn; two grandsons: Clint Martin, Auburn; Clay Martin, Elba; one granddaughter: Jill Martin, Elba.

### A.D. FULLER JR.

Mr. A.D. Fuller Jr., age 54, of Roston Community, died July 2, 1997, as the result of an automobile accident.

Funeral services were held July 5, 1997, at 10 a.m. at the Dillard Jackson-Bryan Funeral Home Chapel of Brundidge, with Minister Glen VanZandt officiating.

Burial was in the Roston Baptist Cemetery, with Dillard Jackson-Bryan directing.

Survivors include his wife: Jeanne Prestwood Fuller, Brundidge; one son: Chad Fuller, Brundidge; five sisters: Madeline Dismukes, Panama City Beach, Fla.; Peggy Brunson, Enterprise; Anne Phelps, Elba; Patti Boswell, Birmingham; Therese McCarty, Dothan; four brothers: Roy Fuller, Harvest Fuller, Elba; Lloyd Fuller, Enterprise; Mike Fuller, West Covina, Calif.

Mr. Fuller was born and reared in Elba, and was a veteran of the Vietnam War.

### FRANK ANTHONY MULARZ

Mr. Frank Anthony Mularz, a longtime resident of Mobile, and former resident of Elba, died July 2, 1997, in a Birmingham hospital.

Funeral services were held July 5, 1997, from the chapel of Mobile Memorial Gardens Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife: Tis Mularz, Mobile; four sons: Tony (Jane) Mularz, Charlotte, N.C.; Ricky (Kathy) Mularz, Elba; Randy (Jane) Mularz, Montgomery; Gary (Jane) Mularz, Mobile; 10 grandchildren: Chip (Jill) Mularz, Chris Mularz, Melissa Mularz, Melanie Mularz, Shep Mularz, Scott Mularz, Sy Mularz, Mandy Mularz, Katie Mularz, Abby Mularz; great-grandchildren, Reese Mularz, one sister, two brothers, and other relatives.

### MYRTLE IRENE HUDSON

Mrs. Myrtle Irene Hudson, age 76, of Rt. 1, Jack, died July 3, 1997, at her home.

Funeral services were held July 5, 1997, at 2 p.m. at the Mustard Seed Foundation Church, with Rev. Mary Seavey, Rev. Ray Sison, and Rev. Donnie Marler officiating.

Burial was in Haw Hill Cemetery, Jack, Ala., with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law: Austin and Cynthia Diane Hudson, Jack; daughter and son-in-law: Margaret J. and Rex Jerald Price, Brundidge; one brother: Robert Hudson, Montgomery; one sister: Dorothy Hudson, Jack; one grandchild and one great-grandchild.

### JAMES DOUGLAS MOORE

Mr. James Douglas Moore, age 49, of Gardendale, Ala., died July 2, 1997, at Carraway Methodist Hospital.

Graveside services and burial were held Saturday, July 5, 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, with Rev. Milton Herrington officiating, and Hayes Funeral Home directing.

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**MARGARET NIX FIELD**  
 Mrs. Margaret Nix Field, age 86, of Troy, died July 7, 1997, at Edge Regional Medical Center.

Graveside services and burial were held July 9, 1997, at 2 p.m. in Green Hills Cemetery in Troy, with Rev. James Dannelly officiating, and Dillard Funeral Home, Inc., directing.

Survivors include her husband: Charles (Stumpy) Field, Troy; son and daughter-in-law, Ronny and Gloria Jimright of Elba; daughter: Rita Roberts Kelley, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; daughter and son-in-law, Lynne and Bill Stone, Troy; nine grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren.

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## Getting assistance for domestic violence

By Connie Brown, Staff Writer

Domestic violence is increasing daily and is the single most preventable crime in our nation.

A person who is victimized by a spouse, former spouse, relative (by blood relation or marriage), cohabitant (person who has shared housing), or a person with whom a child was conceived can put a stop to the violence by obtaining an emergency injunction.

An injunction, which is a court order sometimes called a "restraining order," directs the person committing violence to avoid any contact with the victim.

These injunctions can be obtained by going to the Clerk of the Court, Circuit Civil Division, at the local courthouse.

The clerk's office will assist in filing the petition and will take the time to a judge for his/her review.

According to Dale Robert Guthrie, Clerk of the Court, her office now has a private area where petitions can be filed.

"This eases the victim's fears and makes the process a little less intimidating," said Mrs. Guthrie. If the judge finds merit to the petition, he/she will enter an Order for Protection Against Domestic Violence.

There are some important pieces of information the complainant will be required to give, such as name, social security number, date of birth, physical address, and physical description.

If a person is the victim of domestic violence on a weekend, they may go to the local Sheriff's Department or Police Department and the officer will assist in obtaining a temporary injunction order.

The victim will need to go to the clerk's office on the next business day to obtain a regular injunction.

There is a fee of \$61.50 for filing the injunction and a \$20.00 fee for the sheriff's office to serve a copy of the injunction against the violator.

If a person cannot afford the fees, the clerk will furnish the individual with an Affidavit of Indigency or an Affidavit of Insufficient Funds to complete.

The judge will make the determination if the fee should be waived or not.

An important note, the filing fee cannot be refunded, even if the judge does not grant the injunction.

One might ask, what can an injunction do for an individual?

There are several purposes the injunction serves. An injunction restrains the violator from committing any acts of domestic violence; it shows just cause and have one or both of the parties arrested for non-compliance.

Injunctions granted by the court will have a one year duration. Before the injunction expires, the victim may file for an extension with the court for an additional year.

Copies of all injunctions are placed on file with local law enforcement agencies.

If the injunction is violated, call 911 and the responding law enforcement agency will take the appropriate actions.

Anyone interested in receiving further information on injunctions may call the Clerk of the Courts office at 482-9552.

The petitioner must attend the hearing of the Clerk of the Courts Office at 482-9552.

(Information in this article was obtained from the Clerk of the Courts Office in Marianna.)

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MR. RAYFIELD REYNOLDS (center) of Reynolds Job Research and Development Center, presents the Reynolds Mathematical Achievement Award to Elba High seniors D'Undray Peterson (l) and Renae Nicholson.

### Wallace to offer Boat Safety Course

Wallace Community Services Program has scheduled the excellent and now required 8-hour Alabama Boating Basics course. Scott Powell from the Alabama Marine Police will teach the course. Two summer options are available: Tuesday and Thursday evenings 6 - 10 on July 29 and 31; or Aug. 19 and 21.

Place of the meeting will be Wallace Community College Campus in Dothan in the LPN Health Building Auditorium. Fee is \$5.00. Call 334/983-3521, Ext. 300 for details and registration information.



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Ninth Grade  
David Beckworth, Kellen Cole, LeAnn Griffin, Roni Knight, Curtis Lewis, Amanda Yohn.

### Diabetes Seminar to be offered at ESJC

Auburn University awarded 1,884 degrees during spring quarter commencement ceremonies at Beard-Eaves-Memorial Coliseum on June 13, and graduating students from this area included:

Elba: Master's: Lawrence J. Brashers; Bachelor - Joseph E. Jacobs, Stacey Knight.  
Kinston: Master's: Chris N. Caldwell.  
New Brockton: Bachelor - Lawrence Cornell Jr.

### Area Students graduate from Auburn University

Diversified Nursing Services and Enterprise State Junior College will present a special seminar for health-care workers entitled *A Look at What's New in Diabetes*.

The seminar will be held Friday, Aug. 8, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. There is a \$50 fee and registration deadline is Aug. 1.

Persons interested in increasing their knowledge regarding diabetes mellitus including pathophysiology, clinical manifestations, the management of complications of diabetes mellitus, dietary recommendations and new medications, and specific problems for the diabetic child and/or pregnant patient should register.

Nurses will receive 7.2 contact hours of continuing education credit in cooperation with Diversified Nursing Services, which is an organization approved by the Alabama Board of Nursing as a provider of continuing education.

For more information and a copy of the course objectives, call 334/395-ESJC, Ext. 234.

#### Tenth Grade

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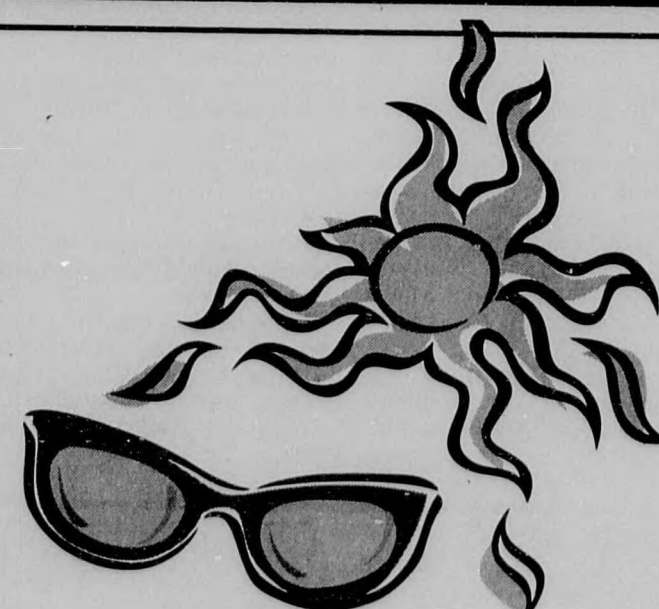
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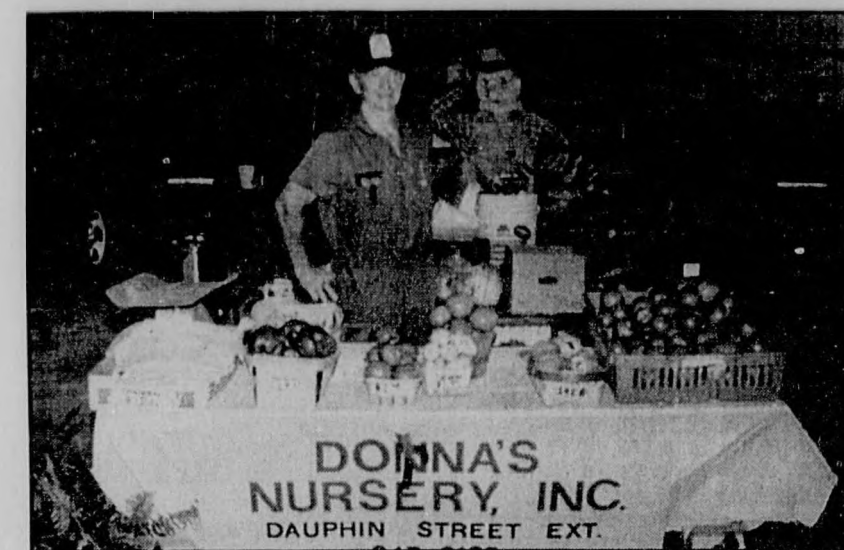








**WHAT'S A PICNIC WITHOUT WATERMELON...** Last week, the residents of the Elba Nursing Home were treated to a picnic. For lunch, they had grilled hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings. Later in the afternoon, after lunch had settled, there was an old fashion watermelon cuttin' held in front of the facility. None of the residents seem to mind the hot weather (temperature was in the high 90s), in fact, they fared better than the "youngsters" serving the melon.



**FARMERS MARKET...** Gerald Hartley, of Enterprise, was the winner of the Coffee County Farmers Market Table Display last week. He is pictured above with his table full of fresh vegetables backed up with more produce on the pick-up truck. His "farmer friend" can be seen takin' it easy on the back of the truck.

Angela Hughes - County Agent

## Keeping baby's world clean is overwhelming task

Babies are a special part of any family and generate lots of love and lots of laundry. Keeping baby's world clean and sweet-smelling can seem like an overwhelming task. The sooner a soil or stain is treated, the more effective the results. Presoak products are especially effective for loosening soils and stains from sources that come hand in hand with babyhood: baby formula, milk, eggs, baby foods, vomit and urine. Follow the package directions for the recommended amount. The soak period varies from 1/2 hour for light stains to a possible overnight for heavier stains. If the item was particularly expensive and/or has sentimental value, it's best not to wait. Apply a pretreat product and launder as soon as possible.

To help eliminate odors and stains, liquid household bleach, colorfast bleach or borax can be used alone to soak or with detergent for washing. Check the care labels to determine the type of bleach that is safe for the fabric.

While fabric softeners will soften baby's clothes, they may reduce the effectiveness of flame retardancy on fabrics like those used for sleepwear. Because of this, do not use fabric softeners either in the washer or dryer when laundering children's sleepwear.

If you use cloth diapers, shake or scrape solids into the toilet. Then, rinse the diaper in clean water. Deposit soiled diapers in a soaking solution made from detergent, presoak product or bleach. Follow the label directions for the correct usage and amount.

For safety purposes and to prevent odors, use a diaper pail with a tight-fitting lid. When diapers are ready to be washed, pour diapers and the soak solution into the washer and set controls to spin to remove excess water. Then wash the diapers using



**GROWIN' THEM BIG...** Mr. C. A. Slawson of Elba is pictured with two of his home-grown tomatoes. One of the juicy giants measured 15 inches around and weighed 1-3/4 pounds. The other one weighed in at 1-1/4 pounds and measured 14-1/2 inches in diameter. Mr. Slawson did not know what brand the tomatoes were; however, he did know that they taste delicious.

This is a great tool available to us in Alabama, and is second to none in the entire U.S. When looking at this data, you can determine how that breed compares to other breeds then make your choices on the best bull to fit your situation. We have already talked about complimenting your cows with another breed. Other things to consider are testicular development in the bull -- on young bulls this should be around 33-34 cm. - - their performance data, EPD's, calving ease, milking ability of the breed, and price. Once you have considered all these factors, you can certainly make a solid decision as to which bull you need to have on your place, and I can assure you it is well worth the effort in terms of dollars and cents over a period of time.

There are several bull breeds right now in Coffee County: Angus, Beef Master, Brangus, Charolais, Gelbvieh, Hereford, Limousin, Maine-Anjou, Santa Gertrudis, Red Angus, Brahman, Chianina, and Seimmental.

If you want more information concerning the right bull for your herd I will be more than happy to help you. All breeds have something to offer -- the trick is to find the one that is going to give you the most for your money and help you to move up and not backwards.

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- 1-1/2 teaspoons chlorine bleach
  - 1 gallon water
- Rinse and dry surfaces after using this solution.
- Window Cleaner**
- 2 cups rubbing alcohol
  - 1 Tablespoon ammonia
  - 1 Tablespoon liquid detergent
  - Water
- Mix ingredients in a gallon container. Add enough water to fill the container and use it as a window spray. This solution will help prevent steaming and freezing.

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  - \*Pickles and Vegetables, HE-71
  - \*Canning Fruit, HE-117
  - \*Let's Can Snapbeans, HE-26
  - \*Let's Can Tomatoes, HE-43
  - \*Wise Methods of Canning Vegetables, HE-19
  - \*How to Make Jelly, HE-395
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## City BOE's finances in good shape

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board opened the meeting last Thursday evening hearing an upbeat review of the financial statement by Superintendent Charles Pearce.

Each board member followed the report from their individual copies of Killingsworth on a total of six transfers. Pearce explained that the full move was being made with the full knowledge and agreement and/or request of the teacher involved. He further explained that the moves were being made to strengthen the total program.

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at the elementary school and the balance of his time will be at the high school. Carney will also coach the girl's basketball program.

A number of teachers were rotated in the elementary school. Board members were presented a copy of recommendations by Principal Judy Killingsworth on a total of six transfers. Pearce explained that the full move was being made with the full knowledge and agreement and/or request of the teacher involved. He further explained that the moves were being made to strengthen the total program.

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**HANDS ACROSS THE RIVER...** Monday at noon, in Elba, perhaps a first ever was held - a joint meeting of the Elba and Enterprise Chambers of Commerce. The meeting held at Aunt B's Bread & Breakfast was attended by a large group of members from both chambers. There was no particular subject discussed; however, it was suggested that the restoration of the old Coffee County Jail, located in Elba, be a joint project. Tentative plans call for the old jail to be a museum dedicated to county law enforcement personnel. The remainder of the meeting was just an old fashion get together with food and fellowship. The leadership of the two groups agreed that a line of communication had been established and it is their intention to improve as time goes by. Pictured above (l-r): Barbara Hudson, Executive Director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce; Johnny Henderson, Mayor of Enterprise; Melba Hollinghead, President of the Elba Chamber of Commerce; J. C. Gant, President of the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce; James Grimes, Mayor of Elba; and Kathy Sauer, Executive Director of the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce.

## GARBAGE COLLECTION SIGN-UP WITH NEW CONTRACTOR BEGINS JULY 23

by Marvin McLain - Editor

Members of the Coffee County Commission were made aware of another lawsuit involving the court system in the county during Monday's meeting.

The Honorable Gary L. McAlley, Presiding Judge of the 12th Judicial Circuit, appeared before the commission asking that the minutes of the June 9, 1997 commission meeting be amended.

His request was that the Enterprise Civic Center, 711 West Crawford Street, Enterprise City Council Chamber, Enterprise City Hall, 501 South Main Street, and the old former United States Post Office Building, 301 East Grubbs Avenue, all in Enterprise, AL, be designated as the temporary courthouse annex facilities for the Enterprise Division of Coffee County.

McAlley further asked that the minutes reflect that the courts may be moved to the new location of the three designated facilities. He further noted that this request was due to the demolition of the courthouse and the construction of a new facility for the Enterprise Division of Coffee County, AL.

In the June 9th meeting, commissioners designated the old Post Office building as a temporary courthouse annex while the Enterprise Civic Center and Enterprise City Hall were designated as being used for trials.

The judge explained to the commission that this amendment to the minutes was essential since a "Petition For Writ of Mandamus" has already been filed in a capital murder case - State of Alabama vs Michael Lee Glass. The case is set for trial during the criminal jury term beginning on August 11, 1997.

Attorneys representing Glass have asked the Supreme Court of Alabama to direct Judge McAlley not to hold the jury selection at the Enterprise Civic Center as scheduled nor the evidentiary portion of the trial in that matter at the Enterprise Civic Center.

In their petition to the high court, Glass' attorneys, after citing several cases, argued, stated that the commission had incorrectly designated temporary courthouse, the facilities designated were not adequate, and furthermore, the commissioners had created the problem by allowing the present facility to be demolished.

J. E. Sawyer, Jr. and D. Bruce McLean are Glass' attorneys of record.

Ironically, Sawyer was the lawyer who filed the lawsuit on behalf of a client forcing the county to alert the old Enterprise Courthouse or build a new facility to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

The commission voted unanimously to amend the minutes for the June 9th meeting to reflect Judge McAlley's request and recommendation.

Jeff Massey, representing MDI (Mark Dunning Industries), appeared before the commission to brief them on plans for the transition of the county's garbage collection.

Beginning October 1, 1997, MDI will take over the county's garbage collection from Environmental Waste Systems.

"We're going to begin right now making sure the distribution of the carts to the public takes place in a good organized manner," said Massey.

He told commissioners that the company's plan, at the present time, is to locate its temporary distribution facility in a central location. The site selected by MDI is on county property near the Coffee County Health Department building.

The actual distribution of the garbage containers (carts) will begin on Wednesday, July 23. County residents will be asked to come by the facility to pick up their cart and at the same time sign up with the new collection agency.

Methods of notification to county residents will be made via ads in local newspapers, radio announcements, and flyers circulated throughout the county.

Other actions taken by the commission consisted of the following: \*\*\*Accepted the low bid of \$78,849.00 on a LPG Tractor (Dozer) from Thompson Tractor of Dothan. Also, the commissioners accepted the lease/purchase option of \$1,525.59 per month (6.25 percent interest) for 60 months providing a cheaper method of financing cannot be found by the county administrator.

\*\*\*Approved the recommendation of the landfill Committee that credit be extended to the Enterprise Housing Authority for use of the county landfill.

\*\*\*Authorized the county engineer to install a temporary pipe culvert.

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## NEWS BRIEF

The Alabama Court of Civil Appeals has reversed the decision of Circuit Judge Gary McAlley to dismiss the lawsuit against the Coffee County Commission concerning the county's Subtitle D landfill. The matter has been remanded to the lower court. The order was signed on July 11, 1997. The lawsuit filed in 1994 by 34 residents living near the county landfill charged that the garbage disposal facility has caused their property to decrease in value. It further charged that proper procedures were not followed in the construction of the facility. Circuit Judge Gary McAlley's order for dismissal was filed in the Circuit Clerk's office on August 13, 1996.



**PASSING OUT CHECKS** State Representative Gareth Moore was the man of the hour last Friday morning as he passed out \$1,000 checks to area law enforcement agencies. The money, from discretionary state funds, will be used by the departments to upgrade equipment or in some cases to purchase much needed equipment. Shown above are from left: Kenneth Seay, Kinston city council member, serving as police commissioner; Charles Driggers, New Brockton Police Chief; Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates; Representative Moore; Enterprise Police Chief Laverdy Huggins and Elba Police Chief R. V. Whitworth.

**JUMP START** Jump Start Days at Elba Elementary School will be Tuesday, August 5, through Thursday, August 7, from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. All kindergarten age children are urged to attend these sessions. No transportation will be provided. The student orientation will be conducted by kindergarten teachers.